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Behind him lay the gray Azores,
Behind the gates of Hercules;
Before him not the ghost of shores,
Before him only shoreless seas.

Baritone Solo

The good mate said: "Now must we pray,—
For lo! the very stars are gone.
Brave Admiral, speak; what shall I say?"

Chorus

Why, say: "Sail on! sail on! and on!"

Solo

"My men grow mutinous day by day;
My men grow ghastly wan and weak."

Tenors and Basses

The stout mate thought of home; a spray
Of salt wave washed his swarthy cheek.

Solo

"What shall I say, brave Admiral, say,
If we sight naught but seas at dawn?"

Chorus

"Why, you shall say at break of day:
Sail on, sail on, sail on! and on!"
They sailed and sailed as winds might blow,
Until at last the blanched mate said:

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Solo

"Why, now not even God would know
Should I and all my men fall dead.
These very winds forget their way,—
For God from these dread seas is gone.
Now speak,—brave Admiral, speak and say:"

Chorus

He said: "Sail on! sail on! and on!"
They sailed, they sailed; then spake the mate:
"This mad sea shows its teeth tonight,
He curls his lip, he lies in wait,
With lifted teeth as if to bite!
Brave Admiral, say but one good word;
What shall we do when hope is gone?"
The words leapt as a leaping sword:
"Sail on! sail on! sail on! and on!"
Then, pale and worn he kept the deck,
And peered through darkness, ah, that night
Of all dark nights! and then a speck—a light! a light!
It grew a starlit flag unfurled,
It grew to be—Time's burst of dawn!
He gained a world; he gave that world
Its grandest lesson: On! on, sail on!

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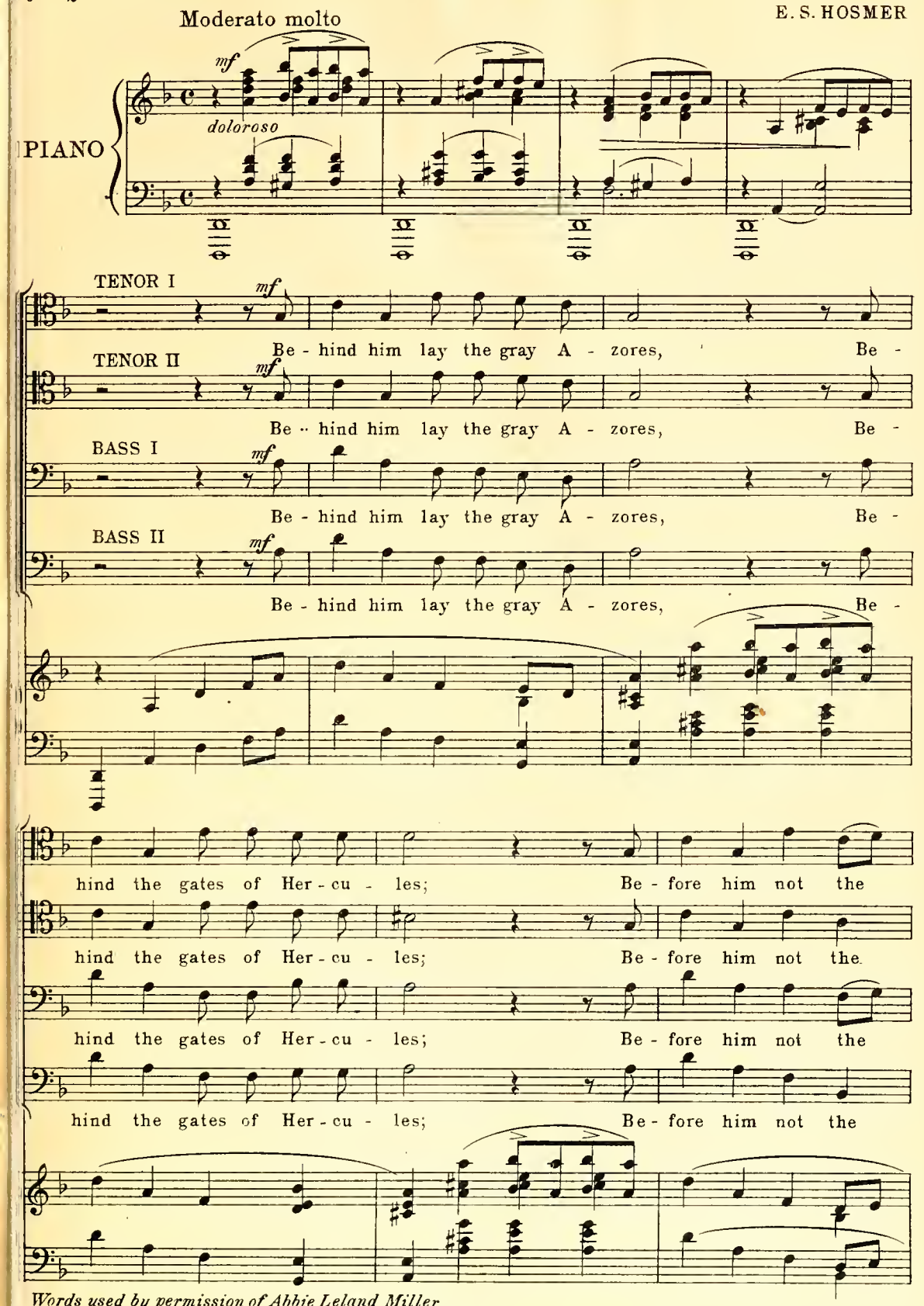

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poco rit.
dim.

ghost of shores, Be - fore him on - ly shore-less seas.

poco rit.
dim.

ghost of shores, Be - fore him on - ly shore-less seas.

poco rit.
dim.

ghost of shores, Be - fore him on - ly shore-less seas.

poco rit.
dim.

ghost of shores, Be - fore him on - ly shore-less seas.

poco rit. *a tempo*

BARITONE SOLO (or Basses in unison)

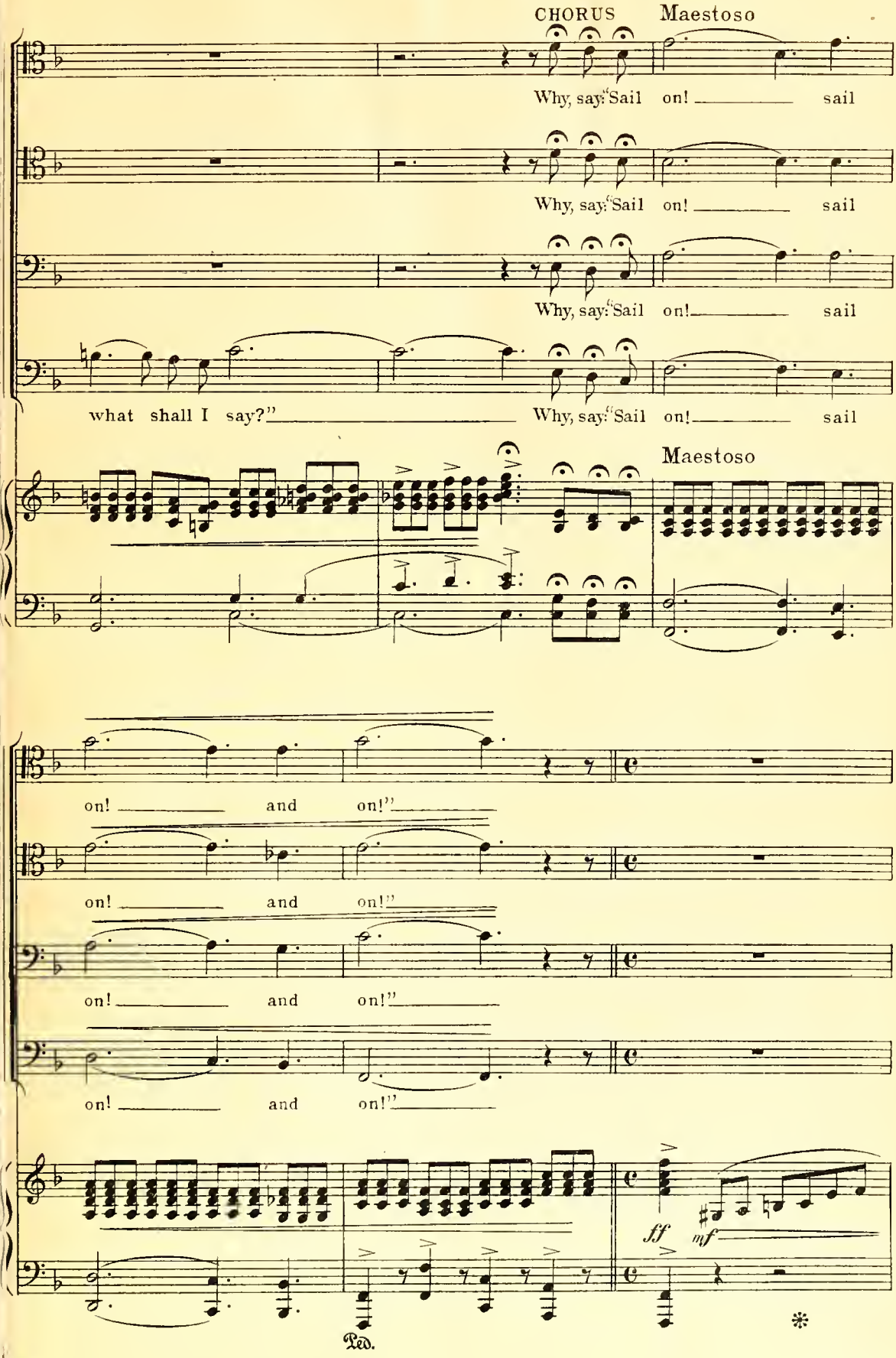
più mosso

The good mate said: "Now must we pray For

più mosso

passionato

lo! the ver - y stars are gone. Brave Ad - mi - ral, speak;


CHORUS
Maestoso
Why, say: "Sail on! sail
Why, say: "Sail on! sail
Why, say: "Sail on! sail
what shall I say?" Why, say: "Sail on! sail
Maestoso
on! and on!"
on! and on!"
on! and on!"
on! and on!"
ff
mf
Ped.
*

SOLO

dolente *poco lento* *p* *dim.*

"My men grow mu-ti-nous day by day;

dolente *poco lento*

My men grow ghast-ly wan and weak."

BASSES *p* *parlando* *p*

The stout mate thought of home; a spray Of salt wave washd his swarthy cheek.

dolce *espressivo*

Ped.

SOLO *più mosso* *agitato* *cresc.*

"What shall I say, brave Ad - mi-ral, say, If we sight naught but seas at

più mosso

"Why, you shall say at break of day: Sail on, sail

"Why, you shall say at break of day: Sail on, sail

"Why, you shall say at break of day: Sail on, sail

dawn?" "Why, you shall say at break of day: Sail on, sail

Maestoso

on, sail on! and on!"

on, sail on! and on!"

on, sail on! and on!"

on, sail on! and on!"

Maestoso

ff *mf*

Ped.

mf

They

mf

They

mf

They

mf

They

mf

mf

sail'd and sail'd as winds might blow, Un - til at last the blanch'd mate said:

sail'd and sail'd as winds might blow, Un - til at last the blanch'd mate said:

sail'd and sail'd as winds might blow, Un - til at last the blanch'd mate said:

SOLO

mp

sail'd and sail'd as winds might blow, Un - til at last the blanch'd mate said: "Why

tristamente

dim.

now not e - ven God would know Should I and all my men fall dead.

tristamente

col voce

Agitato più moto

più moto

These ver - y winds for - get their way, For

cresc.

God from these dread seas is gone. Now

passionato

cresc.

speak, brave Ad - mi - ral, speak and say:"

passionato

Maestoso

energico *cresc.*

He said: "Sail on! sail on! and on!"

energico *cresc.*

He said: "Sail on! sail on! and on!"

energico *cresc.*

He said: "Sail on! sail on! and on!"

energico *cresc.*

He said: "Sail on! sail on! and on!"

Maestoso

f

They sail'd; then spake— the mate:

f

They sail'd; then spake— the mate:

f

They sail'd, they sail'd; then spake— the mate:

f

They sail'd, they sail'd; then spake— the mate:

mf

trem.

Con fuoco *ff*

"This mad sea shows its teeth to-night, This mad sea shows its teeth to-night, He

ff

"This mad sea shows its teeth to-night, This mad sea shows its teeth to-night, He

ff

"This mad sea shows its teeth to-night, This mad sea shows its teeth to-night, He

ff

"This mad sea shows its teeth to-night, This mad sea shows its teeth to-night, He

Con fuoco

ff

sempre ff

agitato

curls his lip, he lies in wait With lift - ed teeth as if to bite! Brave

agitato

curls his lip, he lies in wait With lift - ed teeth as if to bite! Brave

agitato

curls his lip, he lies in wait With lift - ed teeth as if to bite! Brave

agitato

curls his lip, he lies in wait With lift - ed teeth as if to bite! Brave

poco rit.

Ad - mi - ral, say but one good word; What shall we do — when hope is gone?"

poco rit.

Ad - mi - ral, say but one good word; What shall we do when hope is gone?"

poco rit.

Ad - mi - ral, say but one good word; What shall we do when hope is gone?"

poco rit.

Ad - mi - ral, say but one good word; What shall we do when hope is gone?"

poco rit.

Allegro animato

cresc.

The words leapt as a leap - ing sword: The words leapt as a

cresc.

The words leapt as a leap - ing sword: The words leapt as a

cresc.

The words leapt as a leap - ing sword: The words leapt as a

cresc.

The words leapt as a leap - ing sword: The words leapt as a

Allegro animato

leap-ing sword: "Sail on! sail on! sail on! and on!"

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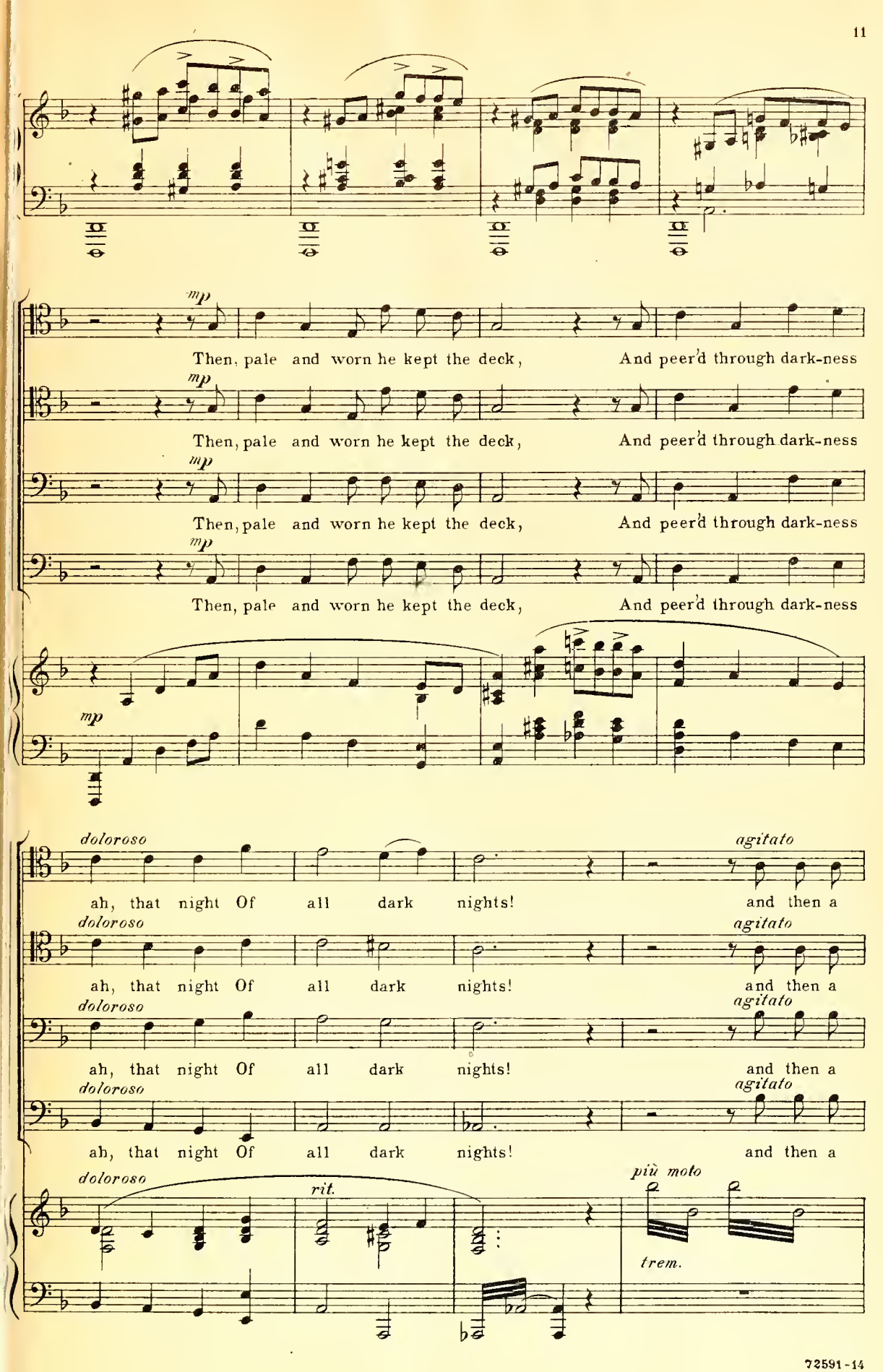
Maestoso

Ped.


mp
Then, pale and worn he kept the deck, And peer'd through dark-ness
mp
Then, pale and worn he kept the deck, And peer'd through dark-ness
mp
Then, pale and worn he kept the deck, And peer'd through dark-ness
mp
Then, pale and worn he kept the deck, And peer'd through dark-ness
mp
doloroso
ah, that night Of all dark nights!
agitato
and then a
doloroso
ah, that night Of all dark nights!
agitato
and then a
doloroso
ah, that night Of all dark nights!
agitato
and then a
doloroso
ah, that night Of all dark nights!
agitato
and then a
doloroso
rit.
più moto
trem.

cresc.

speck— A light! a light! and then a speck— a light! a light!

cresc.

speck— A light! a light! and then a speck— a light! a light!

cresc.

speck— A light! a light! and then a speck— a light! a light!

cresc.

speck— A light! a light! and then a speck— a light! a light!

Moderato

ff *Broad*

It grew a — star-lit flag un - furl'd, It

ff

It grew a — star-lit flag un - furl'd, It

ff

It grew a — star-lit flag un - furl'd, It

ff

It grew a star-lit flag un - furl'd, It

Moderato

Broad

rall.

ff

sempre ff

grew to be Time's burst of dawn! He gain'd a world; he

sempre ff

grew to be Time's burst of dawn! He gain'd a world; he

sempre ff

grew to be Time's burst of dawn! He gain'd a world; he

sempre ff

grew to be Time's burst of dawn! He gain'd a world; he

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sempre ff

cresc.

gave that world Its grand-est les - son: "On! on sail

Vivace

ff

cresc.

gave that world Its grand-est les - son: "On! on sail

ff

cresc.

gave that world Its grand-est les - son:

cresc.

gave that world Its grand-est les - son:

Vivace

ff

on! On! on, sail on! on! Sail

on! On! on, sail on! on! Sail

ff

"On! on, sail on! On! on, sail on! Sail

ff

"On! on, sail on! On! on, sail on! Sail

largamente

on, sail on!"

on, sail on!"

on, sail on!"

on, sail on!"

ff

ffz

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